

Business and Industry of Centre County after 11 years of dedicated service. Under John's leadership, the chamber experienced significant organizational growth, becoming the largest business membership organization in central Pennsylvania. He oversaw such projects as the construction of the 217-acre Benner Commerce Park, adding to his reputation.

Through his work in State College, Mr. Coleman has proven himself to be an effective leader, and as he prepares to pick up and move to Harrisburg, I am certain he'll be a valuable addition to the commission. In Harrisburg, he will join the five-member commission, which provides oversight to more than 8,600 utility and transportation companies and provides work for approximately 500 employees.

His experience as president of the chamber, as well as his overall expertise, will certainly prove useful during his service in Harrisburg. I wish Mr. Coleman the best of luck in his upcoming endeavor.

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SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 2009, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Ms. LEE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. LEE of California addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

HONORING BARBERTON POLICE CHIEF MICHAEL KALLAI

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Ohio (Ms. SUTTON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. SUTTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor the life and service of Barberton Police Chief Michael Kallai. On June 30, Chief Kallai suffered a fatal heart attack while vacationing in Tennessee with his family.

Chief Kallai was a committed public servant, a 32-year veteran of the Barberton Police Department, serving the last 13 years as police chief.

But, most importantly, he was the loving and devoted husband of 35 years to his wife, Jennifer, and the proud father of four—Michael, Jr., Joe, Zak and Vanessa.

Chief Kallai was also very proud to be an assistant wrestling coach at Wadsworth High School for the past 19 years.

He was born in Barberton, Ohio, and lived in the area all of his life, and he

touched the lives of people all across our community with his outgoing spirit.

Chief Kallai was known as a cop's cop and a true professional. His death was a shock to his family and the City of Barberton and the numerous communities throughout Ohio which he touched.

Over the past weeks, we have seen just how much he meant to so many. Though he was soft spoken, Mike had a commanding presence and was very well respected and, as the hardest worker on the force, helped every service department in Barberton in some way or another.

So much love was felt for the chief throughout the community that over 100 former and present wrestlers, who were coached by Chief Kallai, were in attendance at his funeral. Police officers stood at attention outside the church in sweltering heat. The sea of blue uniforms was a testament to the fraternal brotherhood of police that he embraced, the thin blue line.

His spirit and dedication to our community will be sorely missed, but his service and his sacrifice will never be forgotten.

Barberton was the community he grew up in. It was the community he served in and he embraced. His memory will live on in the hearts of his family, friends, and our community.

Chief Kallai will truly be missed. We will always remember Mike for his commitment to his community and his dedication to his family. He was a friend and a leader, and he leaves a void that cannot be filled.

On behalf of the people of Ohio's 13th District, I want to express my deepest sympathies to the Kallai family. They have lost a great son, brother, husband, father, and grandfather who passed away much too soon, and we have lost a true friend and committed member of our community.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. MORAN of Kansas addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

PEARLAND HIGH SCHOOL LADY OILERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. OLSON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Pearland High School Lady Oilers for winning the UIL-5A State softball championship.

The Lady Oilers defeated Austin Bowie on June 5 with a 4-0 victory. It's impressive to note that five Lady Oilers were named to the UIL State All-Around Team. Coach Laneigh Clark

and her softball team posted an impressive 37-6-1 record for the season.

There is no question that these students have the leadership, dedication, and commitment that it takes to achieve great things now and in the future. They are persistent. They finished second last year; now they are number one.

The Lady Oilers are proven role models and a source of pride for Pearland. With hard work and dedication, they have achieved their lofty goals.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the Pearland Lady Oilers on their championship and thank them for representing their community and school in a manner befitting the champions that they are.

HELP THE UNEMPLOYED AND THE WORKING FAMILIES IN AMERICA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New York (Mr. TOWNS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to encourage my colleagues to help the unemployed and the working families in America.

Last week we did the seemingly impossible. We helped millions of Americans that were no longer able to put food on the table because through no fault of their own, their company had to let them go. We sent a message that this Congress, and this President, would not leave them behind on our road to recovery.

Last month, over 8,300 jobs were added in the private sector in NYC alone. That's pretty significant, but we can do better.

While the unemployment rate is steadily dropping across the country, unemployment within minority communities is, at best, staying the same, at nearly double the rate. That's pretty significant too.

I have said this time and time again—but small business will drive our economy towards recovery. Our colleagues in the Senate are currently working on efforts to assist small businesses across the nation. They are helping to ensure that small businesses will have access to something desperately needed—credit. I support the work that the Senate is doing and hope that when this proposal returns to the House for a vote, my colleagues here will join me in support.

Let's not forget our working families—in particular, in communities of color. As our country moves forward, let's move forward together. Let's not leave anyone behind.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. POE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. POE of Texas addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)